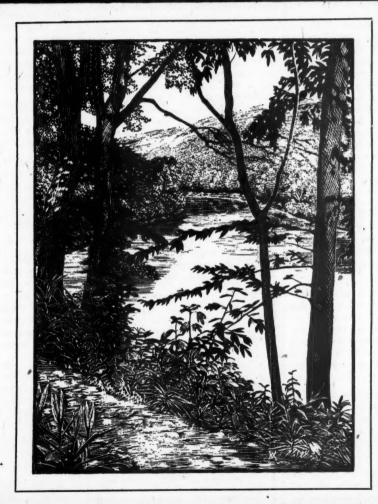
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Pontiac's Persecuted Preacher

"Dr. Marion Refuses To Sneeze Over The Radio"

THE CIVIL LIBERTIES of Gospel Preachers are being these days violated to a degree that is becoming intolerable. Radio channels, for one thing, have been sealed against men of God in all parts of the Country who exalt the person and deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. A plot to silence the true Christian message is in progress.

During the last three weeks: (1) Walter Winchell has arranged for Carlson-Derounian to speak in St. Petersburg, Florida under B'nai B'rith auspices, against Dr. William T. Watson's Church. . . (2) Jewish groups, led by a rabbl, have kept Gideon Bibles from being distributed in Davenport, Iowa . . . (3) Communists, Modernist Preachers and Jews have publicly united at Denver attacking the Bible as "an immoral book," thereby keeping the Gideons from distributing it among school children—only to mention three incidents. Several others could be reported!

But perhaps the most glaring assault by radical left-wing groups took place at Pontiac, Michigan where Dr. Leland L. Marion, Pastor of Christian Temple, was abruptly chopped off the air by radio station WCAR.

Dr. Marion immediately dispatched a letter to every member of the United States Congress which began with these words: "As a Minister of the Gospel, believing in the old faith, please tell me where I can go for help, in the face of persecution by left-wing, communistic groups and individuals."

His board of deacons and elders passed a resolution, at the same time, requesting the Committee On Un-American Activities to send an investigator into the Detroit area to determine the real, hidden source of the opposition.

Thousands of petitions are being circulated, signed and mailed by outraged Michigan Christians demanding that the Federal Communications Commission revoke the station's license. Attorneys have been engaged to prosecute the owner for violation of the rights of religious worship and free speech.

In a letter, explaining the matter to his radio constituents, Dr. Marion says

in part: "The censorship that H. Y. Levinson is trying to impose upon worshippers of Christ in this section would be appropriate in Soviet Russia, where atheists order Christians shot and Churches confiscated—but he needs to understand that we still have civil liberty in these United States. He assumes the unreasonable attitude of boasting that nothing shall go over station WCAR that he does not personally approve."

Thereupon, Dr. Marion made the following amazing disclosure: "Yes it is true that several months ago, Levinson called me into his office and said, among other things, that when reading the Scriptures over the radio, I must not pronounce the word Jew so distinctly. And this is not the only time he has tried to harass and hinder us in proclaiming the truth of God's Word.

"Dr. Gerald B. Winrod returned to us a week ago last Sunday, for his fourth great series of meetings in Christian Temple. I announced for over a week in advance that he was coming and would be heard, on the morning broadcasts, in the usual way. He has spoken over WCAR, as the Voice of Christian Temple, November 30 to December 7,

KEITH BROOKS, who has for years followed the Communist Party line of smearing Gospel Preachers opposed to Communism ... and L. M Birkhead, who makes his living at character assassination—are both wailing over the fact that the book "PERSECUTED PREACHERS" is enjoying such an anprecedented circulation.

In trying to limit its usefulness, the opposition is circulating a costly piece of literature accusing Dr. Winrod of Fascism, for having referred to Mussolini as a "superman."

They neglect to say, however, that Dr. Winrod was discussing Mussolini as a savage beast and forerunner to the Antichrist, Satan's masterpiece of the end-time.

This attack by Brooks, Birkhead et al calls for the distribution of 50,000 adidtional copies of "Persecuted Preachers" . . . which title is still available at 25 cents the copy or 100 copies \$19.00, postpaid.

1941. Also May 2 to 9, 1943. Also January 14 and 15, 1945. Also April 7, 1945. He also gave three addresses last week on WCAR.

"People throughout this territory were enjoying his messages. He was speaking on the 'Apostle's Creed.' He was discussing a different phase of this wonderful statement of doctrine each morning. We were receiving literally hundreds of expressions of appreciation from Christian listeners for the blessings derived from these discussions. The word 'Jew' was not mentioned in his broadcasts.

"Jews of course say that Christ was a bastard, whereas the Apostle's Creed says, 'He was conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the virgin Mary.'

"After the third message of the series, Levinson called me on the telephone and in a heat of rage said that Dr. Winrod could not speak on the subject again. I took the broadcast alone the next morning."

DR. MARION ANNOUNCES that he will gladly send copies of the letter he sent to Congress, the resolutions adopted by the official board of his Church, together with petitions ready for mailing to the Federal Communications Commission—to all Defender readers who write requesting same.

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During the conversation described above, Dr. Marion asked what he should do when encountering the word "Jew" in the Scriptures . . . and Levinson told him to "pass it over or just SNEEZE at that point."

Dr. Marion says: "I AM NOT THE SNEEZING TYPE." And people who know him well are inclined to agree!

In his plea to Congress, referred to earlier in this article, Dr. Marion also stated: "For many years the new deal aided and abetted the opposition forces, at work in our nation, against vital Christianity. Both the OPA and CPA not to mention other branches of new deal bureaucracy, stand guilty of discrimination against fundamental Pastors and Churches."

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Sovietizing The State Through The Church

By Dr. Gerald B. Winrod NORTH THE REPORT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPER

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST is the most powerful institution in the world when it functions. It becomes the most pitiful when, through apostasy, declension and loss of message, it fails to

When the Christian cause ceases to be a creative force for righteousness, there remains no other agency to take its place and shoulder responsibility. The position of the Church is unique. It is the custodian of the nation's conscience and the keeper of its soul.

Jesus was referring to the position of His followers collectively, in relation to the world, when He said: "Ye are the salt of the earth."

Salt is a preservative that renders putrefaction and corruption impossible. The value of this mineral has been often attested by both Scriptural and classical writings.

Society is essentially corrupt because the natural man, the individual unit, remains subject to the unrestrained workings of an evil nature. The remedy for this, says the Lord Jesus Christ, is the active presence of His disciples among their fellows. The character and presence of Christians are designed to arrest the festering corruption of humanity.

"But if the salt have lost its savour,"

He continues, "wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for noth-

In other words, the Church becomes good for nothing when it loses its saline or salting property. If Christianity, on which the health of humanity depends. exists only in name, devoid of saving elements, WHEREWITH SHALL THE WORLD BE SALTED?

The opposite is also true. We have spiritual weapons more potent than any-



thing known on human levels. There are instruments of power within the reach of Christians, excelling those of statesmanship, diplomacy or even military might. Mary, Queen of Scots, admitted that she feared the prayers of John Knox more than the armies of France and England.

The importance of this line of reasoning becomes the more impressive when we remind ourselves that the Church is the only character building institution on the face of the earth. And, democratic government in the last analysis, rests upon the character and right purpose of the individual citizen when he goes to the ballot box.

Representative government is the highest and best invented by the mind and genius of man. It can only be endangered by a moral sag on the part of the masses resulting from ossification of conscience. Totalitarian systems can be operated without regard for God and His holy Word. But this cannot be said of a republic.

Two instances come to mind from history, showing how the Church has functioned under special pressure in grave crises. One example may be considered on the positive side while the other is negative.

Civil war swept France in the latter part of the eighteenth century. Flames

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f disastors from the holocaust moved across the English Channel. England was threatened with a similar fate. The Wesleyan revival broke out in the nick of time and historians credit this visitation of divine power with saving the country.

By way of contrast, the Russian Orthodox Church failed God and humanity between the years 1908 and 1917. At the very hour when mobs were forming in old St. Petersburg, ecclesiastical dignitaries debated for three days in another section of the city, over the kind of decorations to wear on their vestry garments.

Thereupon, the red conspiracy to abolish human liberty and obliterate Christianity began dislocating the religious, moral, economic and political structure of the world.

Let it be underscored in our thinking that Satan hates the Church. It is a mistake to minimize the strength of an adversary.

Nor does Satan always burn Christians at the stake! He sometimes works as an "angel of light," deceiving, denaturing, devitalizing and destroying the message which Christ wishes communicated to the world. He uses different methods at sundry times to weaken the hands of the Church and destroy its program. He is a master strategist. "But greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

The last generation witnessed a wave of infidelity in the United States. One man, above others, came to symbolize this evil trend. His name was Robert G. Ingersoll. He was negative in his attitude toward the fundamentals of historical and evangelical Christianity.

Ingersollism denied the inspiration of the Scriptures, the fall of man, fact of sin, necessity of a Saviour, deity of Christ, virgin birth, vicarious atonement, miracles, resurrection, ascension, doctrine

of the new birth, ministry of the Holy Spirit and the hope of Christ's return.

The blatant infidel praised Charles Darwin, whose theory has been since discredited, as having furnished the rope with which Christianity would some day hang. He said our Lord Jesus Christ inherited the blood spilled on Calvary from the lower animal kingdoms.

I insist we shall face the unpleasant fact that every Modernist Preacher stands, today, in the SHOES OF BOB INGERSOLL.

The motivation of left-wing radicalism in American pulpits is Satanic. Peter warned against a time when "damnable heresies" would infiltrate the Church. Paul spoke of "grievous wolves entering in among you, not sparing the flock." He also predicted a great apostasy characterized as a "falling away."

A substantial part of the Apostle's letters to Timothy is addressed to "the last days" and anticipates that "some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils." The same documents mention "a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof." Then this admonition immediately follows: "FROM SUCH TURN AWAY."

Modernism is a Gospel of doubt. It relies upon a string of negatives. It preaches a Christ without a deity. It proclaims a message devoid of a redemptive note. A thumbnail biographical sketch of the Modernist Christ would be about as follows:

His coming was not foretold in Bible prophecy. He came as the natural product of evolution. He was not supernaturally born. He was the son of a woman of questionable character. He never went to school and was therefore uneducated. He knew the tricks of mob psychology. He made serious mistakes and paid for them with His life. He was a seditionist.

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No great importance is to be attached to His death. He simply died a martyr to certain mistaken ideals. He performed no miracles. His body was placed in a grave and never came out. And to think of Him coming again would be the ultimate in absurdity.

But this definitely, is not the Christ of the Bible, who fulfilled more than three bundred Old Testament prophecies in thirty-three years.

This is not the Christ, whom we know, love and adore as the Head of the Church. This is "another gospel"—a false Gospel, anticipated and condemned, in second Corinthians, the eleventh chapter and the fourth verse.

Modernism is atheism in the early stages. Atheism is the religion of Communism.

Every Modernist, wittingly or unwittingly aids and abets the cause of Communism. It is but a short step from Modernism to atheism . . . and many take it!

Earl Browder boasts that he now has eight thousand Communists in the pulpits of the United States.

When a man or woman joins the Communist party, that person is required to immediately leave family and home for an intensive course in the technique of revolution. The studies usually continue several weeks. Returning from the camp or school, the victim is so warped in mental attitudes toward politics and religion as to be, in almost every instance, unfit for American citizenship. If consistent, he would immediately transfer his residence to Soviet Russia.

One phase of this training provides for attacking fundamental Christianity. But the course offers no instruction in the art of combating Modernism. The Communist entertains a friendly attitude toward the Modernist.

Eugene Dennis, a well-known leader in the red circles of the United States, discusses Modernist Preachers as follows: "These liberal chameleons are of great value at present, but once our goal is reached, they will either have to change their belief, or pay the price with their heads along with the rest."

Could language be plainer?

Kenneth Goff is the name of a well-known Christian convert from Communism. He is today an ordained Minister of the Gospel and recently gave important testimony from the inside of the Communist party, before the Con-

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Comd Mingave side of gressional Committee on Un-American Activities. As former co-worker with Browder, and head of the Communist Youth League of America, he is now placing vital information in the hands of Christian leaders who understand the seriousness of the red menace.

Mr. Goff has recently published a book entitled "Traitors in the Pulpit." In his introductory statement, he tells of an experience at Milwaukee, Wisconsin which illustrates methods used by professional Communists for boring into Church circles. This statement deserves to be quoted in full:

"While I was a member of the Communist Party," says Mr. Goff, "we received training on how to work in Churches, and guide them to the left in their thinking. Following our training, we were assigned to leading Churches to carry on this task of boring from within. As an example of the cleverness of these atheists, I cite you an incident which occurred in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"Two young girls were assigned by the Young Communist League, to borefrom-within the Epworth League of one of this city's largest Churches. They soon became quite popular, and were elected to leading offices; one of the girls having charge of worship.

"On one Sunday evening the Epworth League held a discussion on 'Christ's Alternative to Communism' by E. Stanley Jones. We were notified of the meeting, and ten of our comrades attended, and successfully led the discussion along Communist lines, until we had Christ, if he were here on earth today, leading strikes, and marching on Washington, D. C., to overthrow the established government.

"One red-haired fellow in the Church, arose and asked the Pastor of the Church, whether this was a meeting of the Epworth League or the Young Communist League. The Pastor thought this was a very irregular question due to the fact that Communists don't believe in God; therefore don't attend Church. He assured the young man that this was a

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good Christian discussion. To fully convince this young man, he asked any Communists in the room to please raise their hands. There were ten of us there, but not a hand was raised.

"The Pastor smilingly turned and said,
Just as I told you, there are none here.'
This is just one example of what is taking place in Churches throughout our
land."

Denominationalism in the United States is fettered with a radical, left-wing organization which I do not believe had its actual beginning in Christian circles. I refer to the Federal Council of Churches, aptly called the "Protestant Papacy." This outfit, dominated by a handful of men at the top, professes to speak authoritatively for the Protestant Churches of America.

The Federal Council has for years advocated the most dangerous Socialistic and Communistic doctrines.

Its official pronouncements have included attacks upon such traditional American doctrines as free enterprise, the profit motive and private ownership. Its leaders have cooperated with red individuals and organizations in trying to send opponents of Communism to prison.

When Franklin Roosevelt was campaigning the first time for the Presidency, he spent a certain Sunday in Detroit. Michigan. Announcement was made that, being the sabbath, a religious theme would be discussed. During the course of his remarks, he said: "I am just as radical as the Federal Council of Churches."

To persons who understood the plot then in process of formation behind the scenes, to revolutionize the American system of government, this remark spoke volumes. It later became an index to the foreign and domestic policies of the entire New Deal administration.

Back in 1935, a Naval Intelligence report, reprinted in the Congressional Record on August 17th, of that year, denounced the organization in the following terms:

"(B) The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America: This is a large radical, pacifist organization. It probably represents twenty million Protestants in the United States. However, its leadership consists of a small radical group which dictate its policies. It is always extremely active in any manner against national defense."

Moscow was, in those days, promot-

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 Trouble is brewing between the United States and Russia.

Stalin is relying upon his henchmen in America to destroy us from within.

Every such Stalin stooge must be quickly identified, quarantined and controlled.

They are "Americans that we can do without."

JOHN T. FLYNN, noted writer and economist, has written a book entitled "THE SMEAR TERROR," exposing deadly enemies who are at work within our gates. He gives names, dates, addresses, details. He shows the sinister methods used by these disciples of hate for destroying persons in public life who oppose Communism. A breath-taking exposure. FACTS YOU NEED NOW. Prices: 25 cents per copy; or 5 copies \$1.00.

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ing within our borders a number of outfits like the "American League Against War and Fascism." The purpose was to keep the United States disarmed while Russia continued building the most powerful military machine the world has ever known. As usual, the Federal Council followed the Communist party line.

It was under these circumstances that Admiral Standley, Chief of Naval Operations, publicly accused the group of collaboration with Russia. Council leaders ran to Roosevelt, who immediately imposed strict censorship upon Army and Navy authorities where the interests of the organization were involved.

The more recent position of the Federal Council was disclosed in an address delivered less than ten months ago by Bishop G. B. Oxnam, who has since completed his term as president of the organization. He spoke at Columbus, Ohio.

Earl Browder or Gerhard Eisler could not have hewed closer to the Communist party line than did the Bishop on that occasion. His message was such as to cause true Protestants everywhere to hang their heads in shame.

The Federal Council has been for many years headed by a self-propagating dynasty of political left-wingers and

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theological Modernists. Oxnam, with his crimson record of Communist contacts, is a fair example of the type of leaders, chosen from year to year, to fill the office of president.

But due to some unannounced reason, the coterie of men at the top chose a laymam—a member of the famous Tait family, for the presidency this year. No matter the strategy behind this move, Bible-believing Christians will not be deceived or drawn into the orbit of any such organization.

"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen.
. . . And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

The one person more capable of wounding the Cause of Christ than the Modernist, is the deceiver who professes

Fundamentalism while cooperating with Communists and other unbelievers in smearing evangelical churchmen opposed to red barbarism. Unfortunately there are a few such Judases in Christian ranks at the present time, particularly on the Pacific coast. Such "wolves in sheep's clothing" show no regard for truth.

The following official statement by the Communist party of the United States becomes understandable in the light of the foregoing disclosures:

"We have preachers; preachers active in Churches, who are members of the Communist party. There are Churches in the United States, where the preachers preach Communism from the pulpits, in a very primitive form, of course."

NOTE: This article is available in booklet form for wider distribution.



Monumental Conference

= By Student Larry Asman

JANUARY 19 TO 26 were days that shall never be forgotten by the student body of the Florida Bible Institute... the members of the St. Petersburg Gospel Tabernacle... and a host of visitors from the North who come to Florida to enjoy winter sunshine while

the folks back home shovel snow.

Noted speakers from various parts of the Nation assembled like a galaxy of stars in the spiritual heavens. The workers included Dr. Gerald B. Winrod, courageous leader of the Defenders Movement; Rev. Jacob Rosenthal, converted Rabbi; Dr. Oliver E. Williams, United Brethren Bible Expositor and Evangelist; Dr. DeWitt Johnston, Associate of the late Billy Sunday; Dr. A. D. Hurt, President of the Boise Idaho Bible School; Rev. E. C. Bragg, Professor of Theology, Florida Bible Institute; Rev. Jack Donovan, ex-prize fighter and dramatist, saved out of a career of crime, and Mrs. W. B. Riley, wife of the great Baptist pulpit statesman, Dr. W. B. Riley.

Mrs. Riley spoke on Christian etiquette. Her distinguished husband was unable to appear on the program as planned, due to illness. Mr. Forrest Schickedanz, noted Gospel singer, who was associated with Dr. Harvey Springer for five years, brought messages in song.

The Conference was headquartered in the Gospel Tabernacle of St. Petersburg, and supervised by Dr. William T. Watson, its godly Pastor. The Florida Bible Institute, of which Dr. Watson, is President, suspended all classes so the entire faculty and student body, led by Dean MacDowell, could assemble in the Church for the morning and evening sessions each day.

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CHISTIAN EVIDENCES. Mr. Bragg
laid a foundation for the sermons
and lectures that followed. He took the
Bible in hand and delivered three talks
on why he knows the blessed Book to be
the inspired Word of God. His presentations were complete and convincing.
My notes help to recall several arguments used as evidence which may be
summarized as follows:

1. The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years by forty authors, yet there is not one contradiction in the thousands of facts involved as God's story of human redemption unfolds.

2. The Bible claims divine authorship. No other book makes this claim.

3. For 2,000 years men have tried, but have not been able, to produce something better than the Bible.

- 4. The Bible never grows old.
- 5. The Bible is a living book.

The very bowels of hell have been spewed at the Bible for hundreds of years, yet it remains an impregnable fortress.

7. The Bible's teachings transcend all human writings and philosophies. It speaks of man's righteousness as "filthy rags."

8. The Bible solves the riddle of human life, the origin and future of man.

9. The Bible reveals the true God.

10. The Bible, from generation to generation, has been the greatest influence for righteousness of any book in the world, since it was written many decades ago.

HABIT OF PRAYER AND TRIUMPH-ANT SPIRITUAL LIFE." Preceding the Bible Conference, Dr. Williams conducted a revival at the Gospel Tabernacle. There were conversions and rededications.

The speaker emphasized prayer and personal cooperation with the Holy Ghost in his lectures. He said: "As Christians we are a royal priesthood

THE 1947 WINTER BIBLE CONFERENCE of the Florida Bible Institute was an event of extraordinary importance. The students were instructed to take notes at the meetings and prepare an essay on which credits would be granted. It was arranged that the treatise judged best by the Faculty would be published in THE DEFENDER. The student thus honored was to also receive a modest honorarium. Larry Asman was given these honors.

and a holy nation. We have access to the Holy of Holies. The sacrifice we bring is thanksgiving from our lips and prayers for others. To have freedom in prayer we must have freedom from three things. (1) Every intoxicating influence, (2) domestic cares that crowd out God and (3) ritualistic restraint. The secret of every great man of God is intercession."

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"CONFLICT OF THE CHRIST." -Dr. Winrod preached on this subject. I believe we have a greater love for our precious Lord and Saviour since hearing this great sermon. Dr. Winrod first debunked one by one the charges of Christ's enemies, ancient and modern, that the Master was the illegitimate child of Mary. He forever silenced those who attribute bastardy to His birth. He boiled it all down to the choice: "You must believe one of two things, either the virgin birth or that Christ was a bastard. If you believe the latter, there remains no basis for personal salvation."

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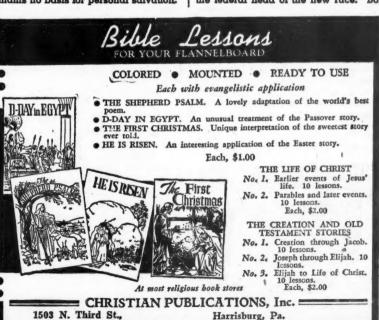
Dr. Winrod then laid open the Scriptures, spread before our eyes the minute details of Old Testament prophecy, and settled the question with proof—Jesus Christ is the Son of God and Saviour of the world. Next we followed Christ to Calvary. It was this phase of the sermon that touched our hearts above all else.

In the Garden of Gethsemane, a few hours before He was nailed to the Cross, Christ prayed and sweat great drops of blood. A physician will tell you that only one thing will make blood run out through the pores, and that is a ruptured heart. Crucifixion is a slow death, sometimes taking days. Christ yielded up His life in six hours. He died of a broken heart. Love for lost sinners consummated the tragedy.

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scid: "Ye must be born again."
The "must" of the passage is biological rather than theological. Christianity is life, the uncreated, eternal life of Christ—coming into expression through believers. Many Church members who think they are going to Heaven, but have not been born again, would have found cause for serious thought had they heard Dr. Winrod's sermon on this subject.

What does it mean to be "born again?" In simple brief it amounts to this: There are two Adams—one the federal head of the old race, the second the federal head of the new race. Born



again believers are members of a "new creation."

The first time, you are born under the head of the old Adam, dead in sin. Through the new birth you become a new creature in Christ Jesus. It is not merely turning over a new leaf, or joining a Church; it is regeneration rather than reformation. The Bible has a definition: "Therefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things become new."

I had attended Church since I was sprinkled as a baby. In my teens, I was confirmed and accepted into membership with the Church. Everyone felt that it was well with my soul. Yet, it was not until almost manhood that I was born again and became a new creature in Christ Jesus. It is a real experience. Dr. Winrod's priceless sermon meant much to us.

sermon by Dr. Winrod answered the philosophical question: Why do good people suffer? He used the oldest book of the Bible to give us enlightenment on this age-old inquiry. According to the Scripture, Job was "the greatest of all men of the east." He was God's most faithful and obedient servant on the earth. Heavy blows are suddenly rained on this "perfect and upright mam." Why? Dr. Winrod exposed the villian.

The sons of God were having a convocation in the heavenlies and "Satan came also." The "accuser of the brethren" said that Job would curse God if tempted. God did not direct the suffering toward Job but He permitted Satan, "the god of this world," to operate within given boundaries. The enemy of good people is powerful, but not all-spowerful.

Dr. Winrod then gave us a wonderful revelation. Job looked to Jesus in his

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ordeal. When Job said, "I know that my redeemer liveth," he affirmed the pre-existence of Jesus Christ before the incarnation at Bethlehem fifteen hundred years later.

Through Christ (the Jehovah of the Old Testament), Job won a victory over Satan and emerged stronger than before. Dr. Winrod concluded that one becomes stronger by successfully resisting temptation. He showed how it is possible to suffer triumphantly.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF PRAYER."
Every member of the student body appreciated the insight that this message gave into the power and potency of prayer. Dr. Winrod said: "Prayer is a spiritual contact whereby the spirit of man ignites with the Spirit of God, producing spiritual illumination. The spoken word is only the outer garment that the prayer wears." He pointed us to the Apostle Paul who said: "I will pray with the spirit."

My mind absorbed several great truths in the course of this sermon. Namely, one may offer an effectual and fervent prayer and never utter a word. In true prayer the human spirit unites with the eternal Spirit. A flame is generated in the soul and the believer becomes the recipient of a holy inflow. Prayer is successful when one receives the "witness of the Spirit" through experiential relationship with the Heavenly Father.

One more important thought should be emphasized. The Holy Spirit does not work through a dirty heart. Evil thoughts, carnal desires and selfish impulses clog the channel between the one praying and the throne of God. The heavens will be brass until the blood of Christ is applied to the inner nature. If one neglects to pray he permits his soul to shrivel.

APOSTLE PAUL." Many considered this sermon the highlight of the entire Conference. Doctor Winrod explained that he acquired inspiration for the message while touring ancient Macedonia some years ago. He told us how one old-fashioned prayer meeting, held in the city of Damascus, changed the entire course of Church history and civilization. He gave a vivid description of the circumstances surrounding this historic gathering of persecuted believers.

We visualized a young, fanatical Roman Jew named Saul. Some believe this intellectual giant was a member of the Sanhedrin that condemned righteous Stephen to be stoned. Saul viewed the death of the martyr with satisfaction and was given the task of wiping out the infant Church. He did to early believers what Communism is doing today in Europe.

When the saints at Damascus heard that the cruel persecutor was coming, bent on slaughtering them, they gathered for a prayer meeting at the home of Ananias. Dr. Winrod used these graphic words: "That little group of frightened believers on bended knee, with tearstained faces, generated so much spiritual heat that it produced a lightning flame which struck Saul on the road to Damascus." Saul, the persecutor, became Paul the Preacher.

Here is a fact few people realize—had that conversion not taken place, America would not enjoy the advantages of Christianity today. The Holy Ghost led Paul west with the Gospel. Dr. Winrod said: "Next to the crucifixion and resurrection of our Lord, Paul's conversion was the greatest achievement in the history of the Christian religion. And it all started back in the home of Ananias with a group of praying Christians."

Geology is the science that treats upon the history of the earth by studying rocks. The word Rock occupies a prominent place in Biblical symbolism. It never refers to man, but always to God. Dr. Winrod proved this fact by analyzing various Scriptures. The story of Salvation is told by Rock symbolism.

"The Lord is my rock." Psalms 18:2.
"He is my rock and salvation." Psalms 62:6. "The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner." Matthew 21:42. "And did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual rock that followed them; and that rock was Christ." I Corinthians 10:4.

Dr. Winrod dealt courteously, tolerantly and factually with a mooted subject in this sermon. The Catholic Church regards Peter as having been Pope. Protestants reject this idea on strong doctrinal grounds. We believe, and Dr. Winrod expressed it, that the rock upon which the Church was founded is the deity of Christ. Jesus said: "Thou art

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An examination of the original Greek text is necessary to understand the content of Christ's thought on this matter. (1) "Thou art Peter." (The root word here is petros, meaning a little rock or insecure pebble.) (2) "Upon this rock." (The root word here is Petra, meaning an immovable, indestructible rock formation.) Thus, the statement as originally made in the Aramaic was about as follows: "Thou art Peter, a little rock, and upon your confession of faith in my deity. (Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Our Rock of Ages is Christ Jesus.

66 THE BIOLOGY OF THE CHURCH."

This was perhaps the most unique sermon of the Bible Conference. Dr. Winrod made a comparison between our bodies and the body of Christ, the Church. Biology is that department of science that deals with the processes of life; the branch of knowledge which treats of organisms. A human being is an organism.

There are millions of cells in the body. Cells are constantly sluffed off and new ones take their place. There is a system of biology running through the Church. It has all the characteristics of an organism. Every twice-born believer is a cell in the body of Christ. There is a difference between an organism and an organization. One may belong to a Church and not be a member of the body of Christ.

Every organism has blood. No blood, no life. The life of the Church is also in the blood. Our contact with Christ is a blood relationship. "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." Hebrews 9:22. Organisms require nourishment. The Church draws on an

eternal substance—the Bread of Life.
Organisms breathe. Every cell in the
body is a lung that breathes. The vital
breath of the Church is the Holy Spirit.
Organisms are creative. They reproduce.
Every member of the body of Christ is
meant to be a soul winner.

Warning! Parasites destroy organisms. There are two kinds of parasites—internal and external. Communism and atheism are an external parasite. Modernism, like a tapeworm, is an internal parasite that destroys the blood of the Church organism.

(Parenthetical statement: The students were told to confine their reports, as nearly as possible, to 2,000 words. I fear that I may exceed those bounds. I must therefore omit many important things and cartain addresses which would contain teachings of great value if space permitted.)

A NTICHRIST AND THE ATOMIC BOMB." In 1924, Dr. Winrod predicted the splitting of the atom, and its power to be used for destruction during the end time of our age. He based his forecast partly on Revelation 13:13. This proves to me that Dr. Winrod is no sensationalist, but a modern day prophet, enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

First it was necessary for him to impart to us certain scientific knowledge. Matter is composed of electrical charges. In the Bible they are called "stones of fire." Ezekiel 28. Lucifer once owned and occupied this planet and had access to the "stones of fire." or atomic energy. He later led the great rebellion against God and became Satan, the adversary, but still remains the "god of this world." He now is imparting atomic energy secrets to human brains to promote end-time chaos.

Dr. Winrod took us for a tour down through the five Bible dispensations, revealing evidence that we now are in the latter part of the sixth, with Christ's coming scheduled for the near future.

Civilization is crumbling. The Red horse of international Communism described in Revelation 6:4 is galloping over the face of the earth, preparing the way for Antichrist. The final conflict of the age will be between Jesus Christ, and Satam's Christ.

Nimrod, Alexander, Nero, Napoleon, Lenin, Trotsky, Stalin, Hitler, Mussolini and Roosevelt melted down and poured together into one body would not approximate the personality of the Antichrist.

He will use atomic energy. Revelation 13:13 says of him, "He maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men." The original Greek term means a bright, shining, burning flash. This is a good description of the atomic bomb concussion. Scripture gives detailed accounts of the destruction that will take place when the Antichrist promotes atomic warfare. "And a third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up." Revelation 8:7.

If the OUTLOOK is bad for the world, the UPLOOK is good for true Christians. The Church of Christ will be taken out of the world before the great Tribulation.

"COMMUNISM IN PROPHECY, HISTORY AND AMERICA." The grand climax of the Bible Conference came with this great and final message from Dr. Winrod.

Dr. Watson told the record audience that packed the Gospel Tabernacle: "Every American should know what we are going to hear tonight." I will pass on to the reader only the barest outline of this historic address.

First, Dr. Winrod dealt with the Red Horse of Revelation, that will "take peace from the earth" and cause men to "kill one another." Red is the color of revolution; red is the color of Communism.

Next we turned to the Old Testament. The Communist movement of today stems from Satanic forces that existed back in Old Testament times, as a conspiracy against the plan and purposes of God. Dr. Winrod analyzed the thirty-eighth chapter of Ezekiel meticulously. I will include only one verse. "And say, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal." Ezekiel 38:3.

The prophecy describes "Gog" as a

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Next Dr. Winrod traced the roots of the Red conspiracy deep into the history of the eighteenth century. He exposed the demon intelligences that operated in that day - Dr. Adam Weishaupt, "the human devil," and the sinister "Illuminati" movement from which Karl Marx copied the six basic principles for modern Communism. Here is something that will encourage Christians to work harder. Weishaupt came to America to promote revolutions among the thirteen colonies. He left without success because of the

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"high religious tide." The modern Weishaupts" of Moscow expect to carry his plot to completion.

Dr. Winrod held in his hand a rare and sinister book published in the year 1912, called "Philip Dru: Administrator." Written in code, it is a blueprint for revolution in America. Dr. Winrod cracked this code. The author was Colonel E. Mandell House, the Rasputin of the Wilson administration. When Wilson discovered the plot he broke with House. The conspirators began grooming Roosevelt for the presidency to set up a Soviet America. The whole New Deal was outlined in that diabolical book, including even the use of the term "FIRESIDE TALKS."

Judgment struck Roosevelt before America crumbled. Dr. Winrod suffered much persecution, but the vast audience, including every student present, thanked God for this fearless, crusading Preacher who helped stem the Red tide.

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A feeble attempt was made by a local New Deal newspaper to discredit Dr. Winrod for giving this address, by referring to him as "one of the defendants in the government sedition case which ended in a mistrial." I agree with Rev. Jacob Rosenthal, the Christian Jew, when he said: "Dr. Winrod is one of the greatest men of God of this generation."

CONCLUSION. Our hearts are thrilled as we look back on those seven wonderful days. Our eyes are lifted heavenward in patient expectation of Christ's coming to call us home. As a student preparing to enter the Christian ministry, I want to say that I feel humbled and favored for having had the opportunity of sitting at the feet of these mighty men of God.

What Is The Spirit Of Antichrist?

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THE LORD JESUS CHRIST said in John 8:44, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do."

This language is plain and admits no questioning. Human nature is peculiarly under the domination of Satan. The Pharisees to whom our Lord spoke, were not the only ones included in the denunciation, for we read in Psalms 51:5, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." However, because the Pharisees were at that time giving the most defiant opposition to Christ they were outstanding examples of Satanic lineage. Note also John the Baptist's cry: "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

What was their most conspicuous characteristic? They were proud, haughty, covetous, hypocritical opponents of Christ. Their self-natures overflowed with hatred for God's Son. Their legalism and attachment to the Law caused them to reject, at every turn, the Grace which the Lord Jesus Christ came to bestow.

God will make no compromise with self-nature. It is Satanic. It is anti-Christ. He demands its crucifixion. To the Cross with self . . . and to the throne with Christ! This is the heart attitude of the true child of God.

The spotlight of Bible prophecy focuses upon a colossal figure who will rise above humanity as the closing drama of this age is enacted. This personage is known as the Antichrist and will head up the whole race of unregenerate men. He is the seed of the serpent, in contrast with the Lord Jesus Christ, Whom Old Testament prophecy portrayed as being the seed of the woman descended from Eve.

The Law is spoken of as a curse in Galatians 3:13. We read how Christ redeemed us from this curse when He hung on the tree. It is therefore logical to conclude that the self-nature, which must be crucified, is deeply related to the curse. "Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith." Galatians 3:24. The law was inseparably connected with the self-nature, since it required self-effort alone for the keep-

This same wonderful book shows by the allegory of Hagar and Sarah, how the two systems of Law and Grace cannot be reconciled. Then further contrasting the flesh and the spirit in chapter five, the Apostle concludes with these words: "They that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."

When God wanted to show us the connection between self. Satan and cruci-



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fixion. He took us through a stage of the desert wanderings of the Israelites. We were shown a brazen serpent on a pole. The people were told to look and live.

The serpent portrayed Satan and the self-nature of man. The event pointed to Calvary. When Christ was lifted up on the Cross, He took to Himself our self or Satanic nature. That nature had to die and the sinless One Who bore it is our Redeemer. Looking to Him, we live.

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We can now go a step further and notice how highly developed the selfnature is shown to be in the coming Antichrist. In Daniel 11:36, we read that he "shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself." Paul uses very much the same language in describing him: "Who opposeth and exalteth himself, showing himself that he is God."

John says: "He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." "Every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist." "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist." Peter speaks of "them that walk after the flesh and are selfwilled."

What does it mean to CONFESS that Jesus Christ came in the flesh?

Many unbelievers and nominal Christians accept objectively the fact that a Man called by that name lived on this earth. They do not deny His existence. But neither do they regard Him as deity dwelling in a human body or accept His ctoning work which resulted from the coming in flesh. Nor do they confess by their lives that the Holy Spirit and not the spirit of anti-Christ is in control.

Satan, who always counterfeits God, has his spirit abroad today. And just as the Holy Spirit is calling out members for the true Church by Grace, so the adversary is building a false church whose adherents will be completely controlled by the end-time Antichrist. "And I beheld another beast . . . and he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them

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which dwell therein to WORSHIP the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."

The two conflicting spirits - Christ and anti-Christ are mentioned several times, in different ways in the fourth chapter of First John:

Verse 1, "Believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."

Verses 2 and 3, "The spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh" and "The spirit that confesseth NOT that Iesus Christ is come in the flesh."

Verse 4. "Greater is he that is in you. than he that is in the world."

Verse 6, "The spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."

The latter part of the chapter contrasts the spirit of love and the spirit of fear.

Ephesians 2:2 mentions Satan as the prince of the power of the air and speaks of "the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience."

MODERNISM IS ANTI-CHRIST

Nullifying the Atonement is a very serious thing. What judgment awaits those of the liberal clergy, who from the sacred enclosures of pulpits, expound the doctrines of the Antichrist! Yet, in the light of prophecy, we may expect to witness the formation of a false ecclesiastical system, "the hold of every foul

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spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird."

As late as January 31, 1945, the Pastor whose name has become synonymous with the Modernist cause in the United States, answered a letter of inquiry from a party in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, by saying:

"Of course, I do not believe in the Virgin Birth, or in that old fashioned substitutionary doctrine of the Atonement; and I do not know any intelligent Christion Minister who does."

The letter is a masterpiece of duplicity for attaching new, subtle meanings to historic, evangelistic terms. The writer continues: "The trouble with these Fundamentalists is that they suppose that unless one agrees with them in their doctrinal setup, he cannot believe in the profound, substantial, everlasting truths of the Christian gospel that transforms men's lives, and are the only hope of Christ's saviorhood in this world. When, then, they hear me proclaiming these everlasting truths, they think I must believe in their Fundamentalism. As a matter of fact, I regard it as a perversion of the Christian gospel."

Many Christians are unwittingly guilty of nullifying the Atonement, even as in the Galatian church where there were those to whom Paul was forced to say: "Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" Again we see the close connection between the flesh and the

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Law, for the preceding verse reads: "Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"

Anything that detracts from Grace and puts the believer back under Law is an affront to the Lord Jesus Christ, for it tends to "make the Cross of Christ of no effect." We cannot but conclude that this constitutes the spirit of anti-Christ which John said was in the world even in his day.

The third chapter of Galatians makes very clear, the danger of legality—regarding any phase of the Law as an infringement upon salvation and spiritual growth through Grace. How fitting to observe this wonderful passage of Scripture, closing with a reminder that there is no such thing as racial preferment, nationality, class or sex in Christ. To boast of these things is to inflate the self-nature, which as we have seen, must be nailed to the Cross.

The Fifth chapter of Matthew—lists other ways in which Christians can slip back into legalism, serve the flesh and escape the "persecution of the cross of Christ." The Master said: "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." Their righteousness was legalism.

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EXALT THE HOLY SPIRIT

So we are justified in concluding that the spirit of anti-Christ, is the spirit of Satan originally transmitted to man and passed on to posterity through man's fallen nature... rendered active through the self-nature. It shows itself either through refusal to appropriate the Atonement for personal salvation, or (less often realized), after having accepted this Atonement, by going back to the dispensation of Law instead of living under Grace. To do this, is to depend upon the works of the flesh, instead of the Spirit, in daily living.

The spirit of anti-Christ can be rendered inactive by trusting in the atoning work of Christ for salvation and maintaining an attitude of willingness for God to destroy the old nature, which will be done through crucifixion. In other words by trials and testings — which if recognized and accepted as being for our highest good, permitted for this purpose, endured willingly and patiently, will weaken the old life and make way for the new nature to come into full expression.

This must always be done in utter humility and implicit dependence upon the Holy Spirit, for He is the sole administrator of this dispensation of Grace... and He must never be grieved or dishonored by creed or manner of life.





To EVERYTHING there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven.

-Solomon.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High has a fine all-coverage insurance policy in Psalm 91. It does not pledge exemption from trouble, but reads, "I will be with him in trouble."

God loves to meddle in our business.

—E. C. Bragg.

An old lady in England, who had stood the bombings with amazing fortitude was asked the secret of her calmness in the midst of such frightful danger. She replied, "Well, every night I say my prayers, and then I remember 'ow the parson told us God is always watching; so I go to sleep. There's no need for both of us to stay awake!"

A man may pray without being led to Bible study, but no one can study the Bible without being led to pray.

-John J. Wicker.

The man who stands the straightest

in the presence of sin bows the lowest in the presence of God.

The prayer chamber is never so warm as when the door is shut.

Those who spend enough time on their knees will have no trouble standing on their feet.

If you are strangers to prayer, you are strangers to power.

The recipients of God's grace should be the messengers of God's grace.

The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it.

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The Christian should never complain of his hard fortune while he knows that Christ is his friend.

Christianity, like a watch, needs to be wound regularly by prayer.

The sword conquers for awhile, but the Spirit conquers forever.

On an American man-of-war a group of sailors crowded around their chaplain asking, "Do you believe in hell?"

"I do not."

"Well, then, will you please resign, for if there is no hell we do not need you; and if there is a hell, we do not wish to be led astray."

The roots of prayer lie in oneness of purpose; God up yonder, His victor Son by His side, and a man down here in such sympathetic touch, that God can think His thoughts over, in this man's mind, and have His desires repeated as this man's prayer.

-S. D. Gordon.

The plain face is often surprisingly beautiful by reason of an inner light.

-Henry E. Walbey.

A man has deprived himself of the best there is in the world who has deprived himself of this, a knowledge of the Bible.

-Woodrow Wilson.

All men are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

-Thomas Jefferson.



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Satan stepped into the church. Said the frightened Modernist preacher from the pulpit: "Just a minute, Just a minute. In my official capacity as Pastor of this Church, I have to say many things against you, but I want you to know that my heart is with you."

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-Dr. De Witt Johnston.

With us, law is nothing unless behind it stands a warm and living public opinion. Let that die or grow indifferent and statutes are waste paper, lacking all executive force.

-Wendell Phillips.

Never, with the Bible in our hands can we deny rights to another, which, under the same circumstances, we would claim for ourselves.

-Spring.

No person ever develops mastership who doesn't indulge in what may appear to be drudgery. Whether it really is drudgery or something finer depends upon the thinking and feeling that accompanies the action.

I don't like to speak of alarms. Those who have lived close to this thing (Soviet-U. S. relations) for a while are in a constant state of alarm. So to speak, I have been sleeping in my clothes for a year, at the top of the fire alarm ladder.

-Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg.

Although we still think and speak of ours as a "young" nation, we may take pride in the fact that our flag is the third oldest national standard of the world today. It is older by several years than the Union Jack of Great Britain, or the Tri-color of the French Republic.

In a free country there is much clamor with little suffering: in a despotic state there is little complaint but much suffering.

-Carout.

Not soldier ranks with flags unfurled, Not armored ships around the world; Not sages wise, nor schools, nor laws— But that land is great which knows the Lord,

Whose songs are guided by His Word; Where justice rules 'twixt man and man; Whose love controls in art and plan.

-Alexander Blackburn.

Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.

-Woodrow Wilson,

Were we directed from Washington when to sow, and when to reap, we would soon want bread.

-Thomas Jefferson.

If you your lips would keep from slips,
Five things observe with care;
To whom you speak, of whom you speak,
And how and when and where.
If you your ears would keep from jeers,
These things keep meekly hid;
Myself and me, or my and mine,
And how I do or did.

A real Christian should be like a good watch . . . open face, busy hands, pure gold, well regulated and full of good works.

He who is afraid of doing too much always does too little.

There are three answers to prayer—yes, no, wait.

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Science has discovered that the gastric juices are influenced by the mental condition of the individual. The quality of food is not half so important as the mental condition of the eater.

Say little about what you are going to do. Be silent about what you have done—let that speak for itself.

-James E. Chessor.

Don't sit around and talk about what you are going to do. Do it!

Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them you are.

Once the brother of Henry Ward Beecher preached for him in his great church in Brooklyn. When the congregation was aware that the regular minister was not to preach, many arose to leave; whereupon the brother of the famous preacher made the following announcement: "All who came to worship Henry Ward Beecher this morning may depart at this time; the rest may remain to worship God."



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LETTERS pouring in upon members of the House and Senate from "the folks back home," leave no doubt that the vast majority of voters are expecting action, and more action, by the COM-MITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIV-ITIES.

This arm of Congress is coming to be regarded as one of the most important departments of the national government. But it remains handicapped for lack of funds and personnel to render maximum service.

After a recent trip to New York and Washington, Rev. Lawrence Reilly, national director of the Lutheran Research Society, made the following observation which several Congressmen are reading with interest and concern:

"I paid a visit to the New York office of the so-called Friends of Democracy, a pro-Communist, anti-Christian front organization. I hoped to have a pointed discussion with L. M. Birkhead, however I learned on the way that this old character-assassin was out of town. His outfit has an office of several rooms, employing more than a half dozen clerks and numerous others.

"When later I called at the offices of the House Committee investigating Un-American Activities in Washington, I was shocked to discover that Birkhead has more people employed in the dastardly work of attempting to corrupt our type of government and its foundations than this important Committee has to protect our American system from the contamination of these individuals."

MR. REILLY continues:

"The chief investigator of the Committee On Un-American Activities, Mr. Robert Stripling, pointed out to me the lack of adequate facilities in trying to do its job successfully. All during the Roosevelt Administration, every attempt was made to stop the work of this committee. F. D. R. did not want an investigation of Communist activities in this Country.

"The Committee was pushed up into the attic of the old House Office Building. It has now been given space which is more appropriate than it has had before. Repairs and decorations are being made to give it yet more office space.

"Certainly every Christian American ought to drop a letter to his representative and ask him to SUPPORT WITH-OUT STINT, this vital Committee which is doing such needed work. It needs more clerks to take care of its vast files and many more investigators. Urge your Congressman to enlarge its scope of

usefulness. A letter from you might be the thing that determines if such action will be taken."

THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES is today enjoying better cooperation from the White House than at any previous time. It has for months demanded the removal of Stalin stooges and Sakmists from powerful posts in the national government. It has been equally vehement in demanding that precautions be taken against placing displayal persons in government positions in the future.

These demands are currently credited with responsibility for Mr. Truman's amnouncement that he will at an early date ask Congress to enact a law to keep subversionists off the public pay roll.

DURING THE LAST few years of Roosevelt's life, Congressman John Rankin led the fight within his party to keep the Committee On Un-American Activities alive. His defense of the Committee and opposition to Communism caused him to be charged with sedition ... made him a constant target for Winchell's radio and journalistic mud ... and placed him on the honor roll as a victim of Birkhead's smearing in the Carlson-Derounian book "Under Cover."

But things are different now at the Capital. Mr. Rankin is today one of the most respected and powerful figures in public life. He can say with the Apostle Paul: "I have fought with the beasts at Ephesus."

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CONGRESSMAN RANKIN'S recent newspaper interview about "pink professors in the colleges" caused a stir here at Washington. He is expected to press for complete investigation, through exposures and prosecutions where infractions of the law are involved.

"One of our main problems will be to enlist the aid of patriotic organizations, including veterans' groups, to drive from our educational institutions those pink professors who are now being subsidized from questionable sources," he said.

Then he added this warning to Washington reds for good measure: "The Committee will intensify its drive and its efforts to remove from the federal pay roll every Communist and every other subversive individual. It will also give its attention to the Communists in the moving picture industry, the radio and other methods of communication."

HOW FAR can organizations and individuals go in promoting red propaganda and following the Communist party line, without violating the law that requires agents of foreign governments to register as such, with the State Department?

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Walter Winchell, Henry Wallace, Drew Pearson, E. Haldeman-Julius . . . the Anti-Nazi Leggue, the Anti-Defamation League, the so-called Friends of Democracy and other individuals and groups.

Louis F. Budenz, former editor of the Communist Daily Worker, has charged publicly that "the Communist party in the United States is a direct arm of the Soviet foreign department."

CYNICS UNDER THE CAPITOL DOME are grinning about the sharp rebuke that President Truman gave the new Polish Ambassador, when the latter called at the White House a few days ago, to present his credentials.

Speaking with a flourish, Mr. Winiewicz was heard to say:

"Mr. President: It is for me indeed a great honor that I have been called upon and designated to represent my country with the Government of the United States. Every Pole feels the greatest admiration as well as a sincere friendship toward the great and splendid country of George Washington. In the heart of every Pole are deeply and lastingly engraved memories of facts and persons, which have been immortalized on those pages, on which the history of the United States and that of Poland, are sometimes so closely interwoven."

He rambled on: "In the most difficult days of the Second World War, the name of Franklin Delano Roosevelt was on the lips of every Pole as the name of one of the great leaders of the United Nations fighting against German aggression . . . I wish to assure you, Mr. President, that my Government and every one of my compatriots remembers this and is grateful for the help of your great nation."

The President listened in silence while Mr. Winiewicz moved toward a climax: "I now present to you, Mr. President, the Letter of Recall of my distinguished predecessor, Ambassador Dr. Lange. and my letter of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland."

The gentleman from Missouri, who seems to attach greater importance to deeds than flowery phrases, brought his quest down to earth with a scathing rebuke - the like of which has been seldom known in formal diplomatic exchanges.

Said he, directing his matter-of-fact remarks both at the Polish puppet government and the Soviet Union:

"Mr. Ambassador: I accept your Letters accrediting you as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland and the Letters of Recall of your predecessor, Ambassador Lange . . .

"I can assure you that the American people have followed with greatest interest the efforts of the Polish people to meet the urgent task of reconstruction and to reestablish their national life. The Government of the United States gave expression to this interest in the Polish people when it joined with the British and Soviet governments in the important decisions concerning Poland that were taken at the Yalta and Potsdam conferences.

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Mr. Flynn is introduced as "a tenaclous, factual reporter of the highest type." His treatise is described as "a truthful antidote to the two books published under the name of John Roy Carlson, 'Under Cover' and 'The Plot-

"Flynn is 64 years old," says Pegler, "gray, vigorous and angry over conditions and activities which offend his sense of truth and justice. Early in the New Deal, he was a counselor to the Sengte Banking Committee in Ferdinand Pecora's memorable investigation of the stock axchange and to Senator Nye's Committee which investigated the munitions industry. This background disposes of insinuations that he is a tool of reactionary wealth and a 'native Fascist'."

Thereupon Mr. Pegler outlined the methods used by the character assassins in trying to destroy the enemies of Communism. He explained the mission of the Flynn book as follows:

"The extent and the importance of this smear propaganda are intelligently presented and the personalities and methods employed are forcefully revealed for the first time."

how carefully he and his administration are being studied by the Republican high command at Washington.

It is possible that he is located in the geographical section of the United States, from which common sense would dictate the selection of a candidate for for Vice President, in the elections next

His public stand against Communism, as indicated by the following excerpts from a recent radio broadcast, serves to place him in the right category:

"The citizens of Michigan have the right to know the facts about the American Communist Party . . . Let us bring the Communist out in the open. He will not like it because he cannot carry on his deceit and trickery in the light of day. The technique of the Communist is to attempt TO SMEAR EVERYONE who opposes him, to call him a Fascist, a witch hunter, a Red batter, anything to draw attention away from his own nefarious aims.

"The Communists have set up the ingenious 'front' technique in the theory that if public opinion is to be influenced, and new members recruited, it must be done in an indirect and concealed manner. These 'fronts' have used names continuing such high-sounding words and phrases as 'democracy,' 'peace,' 'academic freedom,' 'institute,' 'congress' and many others.

"After a popular name has been selected for what would appear to be a proper cause, many prominent and innocent people have permitted their names to be used. Their names the Communists use as bait to attract others until an organization has been created.

KIM SIGLER, the new Governor of "There are now some 70 nation-wide organizations and national committees

which are founded and dominated or are influenced by the Communist machine."

New Deal Secrets Revealed

INVESTIGATIONS and prosecutions will be inevitable, in carrying out the November mandate of the people to permanently purge our national government of New Dealism. No group of gangsters ever performed more viciously than aid various leaders of the Roosevelt Administration under the spell of power-intoxication.

Early gleams of what may be expected are being noted in current books containing sordid revelations from behind the scenes at Washington.

One such book, published in novel form, is reported to be causing certain former New Deal bureaucrats sleepless nights. Written by John P. Marquand. it bears the enigmatic title, "B. F.'s DAUGHTER" and sells for \$2.75.

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Many Roosevelt phonies, fakers and red conspirators are taken apart in this book and thrown all over the north forty! One reviewer says: "What rats or tomcats or crooks or fools they were, is charmingly set forth by Mr. Marquand."

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ırtail cist." An insidious subjugating system, national and global, is smothering Godgiven individual liberty. Shackled men and shackled nations, dominated by global tyrants, are sought to be substituted for the free men and free nations essential under God's basic plan. Genuine religion cannot reconcile itself with the performance. Atheistic communism finds no difficulty.

This article will deal with the subject without fear or favor, and without exaggeration or minimization. Experts in subterfuge and usurpation have caused the extensive misuse of religion as a smokescreen for the performance. All Pharisee and Papal dominating leaders, and many influential Protestant leaders, are deeply involved. The diabolical performance must be halted if Civilization is to be saved.

Any systematic interference with, or impairment of, God-given individual liberty is TYRANNY.

BASIC RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLE

There is an eternal Bill of Rights of the individual which is not dependent upon Moscow, Rome, London or Washington. It is plain and unambiguous, and may be found clearly set forth in the Commandments of God. It forms the very foundation structure of society itself, in which men are to live and render an account of themselves to God. It includes the free will with which God endowed each individual, to make him free and responsible.

It includes personal liberty and initiative, and individual self-reliance, all of which are entitled to government protection. It includes the individual's right to engage in free private enterprise, with a profit motive, and in competition with others. It includes his right to the fruits of his labor, to maintain an independent home, and to direct his own life in all respects which do not infringe the equal freedom of others or violate divine or natural law.

Basic religious principle never varies. It remains constant throughout the ages everywhere. Every religion worthy of the name recognizes it, and treats it as unchanging and unchangeable. Forms of worship may differ otherwise, but can never justify departure from basic religious principle.

Those claiming infallible or other authority so to do are imposters. They may transform what was once a genuine religion into what is more or less a racket, BUT THEY CANNOT EFFECT A CHANGE IN RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLE.

George Washington gave religious principle this depth of meaning when warning, in his Farewell Address, that national morality cannot prevail or endure "in exclusion of religious principle." God's basic plan rests upon the rock of His eternal Word. Attempted departures, under any guise or pretense, necessarily involve tyranny and invariably produce disaster. There is no authority in religion or government, or both together, to reconstruct society contrary to God's basic plan, which cannot be reconciled with any collectivist or semicollectivist system, totally or partially supplanting individual opportunity and responsibility.

Atheistic communism seeks a community of labor, lives, goods and wives, every feature of which violates God's basic plan, and tends to destroy Civilization.

RELIGION AND GOVERNMENT DISTINGUISHED

Authority in religion is derived from God, and confers upon religion no authority to devise, conduct or advocate a political system or government. The Divine Saviour truly said: "My kingdom is not of this world."

Authority in government, on the other hand, is from the people.

Government is their servant to protect—not pervert—God-given individual liberty and equal freedom. Our Declaration of Independence makes the distinction crystal clear. The Federal Constitution carefully preserves the distinction, along with other safeguards and guarantees for sound individualism.

MERGER, MIXING OR MUDDLING

Religion, government, and the people are all subjected to incalculable harm from any merger, mixing or muddling of religion and government. Such an incongruous performance can find no sanction in divine or human right, and those responsible should not be credited with either moral or political integrity.

The substitution of such a new Tower of Babel for the foundation structure of society under God's basic plan may be falsely denominated and dignified as a theocracy, but sound-thinking persons can give it no higher rating than a hypocritical hoax and monstrous tyranny.

PHARISEE THEOCRACY

In standard dictionaries, "pharisaical" is a synonym for "hypocritical," al-

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though modern histories and encyclopaedias fail to disclose the fact that Pharisee theocracy (or pharisaism) is still going strong, and constitutes the most formidable menace to Civilization ever devised.

A self-chosen and self-perpetuating Pharisee clique or oligarchy seeks to impose upon all peoples a system of seridom, pretended to be beneficial to Jews generally, but inimical to the welfare of non-Jews and also of all Jews who are not members of the Pharisee clique or oligarchy.

The Pharisee oligarchy has called its system of seridom "Talmud." and given it the religious camouflage of "Judaism." in addition. So-called "Talmud Torah" schools are maintained in connection with synagogues. According to a foreword by Chief Rabbi Hertz to a 1935 English-language edition of the Talmud (BM500 .E8 Library of Congress), the Talmud had its beginnings in Babylon in the sixth pre-Christian century, was a "product of the feverish activity of the Pharisaic schools," and "forms a world of its own" for Jews, adding:

"Kings and emperors, popes and antipopes, vied with each other in hurling anathemas and bulls and edicts of wholesale confiscation and conflagration against this luckless book."

The Pharisaic schools persisted in indoctrinating successive generations of Jews with the Talmudic system of seridom between the sixth pre-Christian century and the birth of Christ, and required the system to be respected as "tradition."

It is not difficult to understand the Divine Saviour's denunciation of the pretended "tradition."

"And you (Scribes and Pharisess) have made void the commandment of God for your tradition." (Matthew 15:6).

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"Woe to you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you go round about the sea and the land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, you make him the child of hell twofold more than yourselves." (Matthew 23:15).

It will be noted that the denunciation was of the Pharisees, rather than of all Jews. The Pharisees have always sought to hide behind the Jewish people generally, as scape-goats, in order to escape the wrath of both Jews and non-Jews through conjoint action by them as victims of the Pharisees. Scripture distinctly recognizes the difference between Jews and the Pharisaic synagogue of Satan in the following passage:

"Thou are blasphemed by them that say they are Jews, and art not, but are the synagogue of Satan." (Revelation 2:9).

The Jewish people generally need help, not hate. Those who are willing Pharisee tools are really "kikes," and not worthy Jews.

An Essay on the Talmud by Arsene Darmesteter,— advertised in the American Jewish Year Book for 5700 (1939-1940 A. D.), which book might better be termed "Pharisee Year Book,"— explains the Talmud very clearly and succinctly, as follows:

"It is the work of a nation, the expression of a social system.

"The daily study of the Talmud, which among Jews began with the age of ten to end with life itself, necessarily was a severe gymnastic exercise of the mind, thanks to which it acquired incomparable subtlety and acumen.

"The study of Judaism is that of the Talmud as the study of the Talmud is that of Judaism.

"In a word, Hebraism is at an end, Judaism is born. What are the causes of the transformation? What series of circumstances have effected it in so limited a period as the Captivity? Dark questions, the answers to which may be guessed at, but the elements of an unimpeachable solution are lack-

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The hypocritical hoax and monstrous tyranny inherent in the Pharisaic Talmud shrieks to high Heaven, notwithstanding the pretense of a "sacred" and "blessed" yoke. A religious veneer was substituted for basic religious principle, as the Divine Saviour made plain, saying:

"And in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Mark 7:7).

"Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up." (Matthew 15:13).

THOSE WHO ASSUME THAT PHARI-SAISM HAS LONG SINCE BEEN ABANDONED HAVE MUCH TO LEARN. It is disclosed in the Pharisee Encyclopaedia (called "Jewish Encyclopaedia"). Vol. X, page 502, that Lionel de Rothschild (who became a member of the House of Commons in 1858, and was also head of the House of Rothschild) was for a long time President of the Great Synagogue," which has always been the ruling Pharises oligarchy of 120 members. Evidently, the identity of such President is not made public until after his death. There is much other illuminative data indicating that the Pharisee program is continuous.

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The same lecturer and writer also published a later book, "Jews on Approval" (1932), expressly admitting the selfishness and irreligion of the propagated program:

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"It is absurd to say that the Jews believed in the return to Palestine because God told them to do so. Since they invented their own God, they must also have invented his commands.

"Most of those who marvel at the survival of the Jewish people across so many centuries have failed to observe that for a long time Judaism was a powerful principle of organization from which individual Jews derived great worldly benefits."

The Pharisee origin of atheistic communism, which has reduced the Russian people to seridom, is perfectly obvious from many concurring and indisputable facts, notwithstanding the Pharisee religious veneer continues to deceive many persons as to the real truth.

Honorable David R. Francis was the United States Ambassador to Russia in November 1917, when atheistic communism was ruthlessly imposed upon the Russian people. In January 1918, he wrote a friend about the matter, as follows:

"The Bolshevik leaders here, most of whom are Jews, and ninety per cent of whom are returned exiles, care little for Russia or any other country but are internationalists and they are trying to start a world-wide social revolution." ("Russia from the American Embassy," by David R. Francis, page 214.)

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THE GOSPEL MINISTER Box 99, Westfield, Indiana In September 1918, the then Netherlands Minister to Russia reported to the British Government:

"It (Bolshevism) is organized and worked by Jews who have no nationality, and whose one object is to destroy for their own ends the existing order of things." ("Foreign Relations of the United States, 1918, Russia I," pages 674-9, U. S. State Dept. Publication No. 222.)

Both of these Ambassadors dealt with appearances, which did not reveal the hidden Pharisee domination shielded by the outstanding Jewish personalities engaged in the performance.

However, Winston Churchill was familiar with the hidden truth about Pharisee domination, and, on November 5, 1919, told the House of Commons that Russia had been laid low by an "international" band, which was non-Russian, and constituted "the most formidable sect in the world." He was referring to the Pharisee criminal sect, rather than to the victimized Jewish people used as scape-goats. Churchill seems to have been careful not to use language which would acquaint the average person with the hidden truth.

The hidden truth seems to be strongly corroborated by article in so-called American Hebrew Magazine of September 10, 1920 (which might better be called Pharisee Magazine), asserting:

"What Jewish idealism and Jewish discontent have so powerfully contributed to accomplish in Russis, the same historic qualities of the Jewish mind and heart are tending to promote in other countries."

This constituted a deliberate attempt to make scape-goats of the Jewish people generally, as well as to try to induce them to support atheistic communism. No loyal American or honest Jew could have sponsored such an outrageous article.

No facilities are available to Jewish clergy or laity for opposing the Pharisee program, though reprisals against those who might try will unquestionably be encountered. Rabbi Morris Lazaron had a bitter experience early in 1938. He advocated the rescue of different races from mass herding, saying:

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He was promptly denounced as "A JEWISH TRAITOR" in the March 1938 issue of so-called Jewish journal "Opinion," which might better be called "Pharisee Opinion."

It must not be overlooked that the flagrant and extensive usurpations committed by new-dealism against the Federal Constitution followed the old Pharises method of changing Scripture through the medium of a chain of ap-



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pointed interpreters. The practical unanimity in behalf of new-dealism, national and global, by so-called Jewish leaders can hardly be explained, unless they were really Pharises representatives, instead of truly representing the Jewish people. It is also significant that an astounding number of persons of the Pharisee variety have held key nonelective positions in the harassment bureaus of new-dealism throughout its long and disastrous reign.

The American Republic can have no worthwhile house cleaning which does not eradicate new-dealism, lock, stock and barrel, and global as well as national.

PAPAL THEOCRACY

Papal theocracy ought to be called the Second Babylon, because it has also employed the old Pharises method of usurping political power through reinterpretation of Scripture manifestly forced and removed from the original intent.

Christ never set up a theocracy, but declared: "My kingdom is not of this world." Nor did St. Peter set up a theocracy. He knew it would not be compatible with Christ's contrary declaration. The great saints of Christianity have been humble and holy men, seeking no political power, but recognizing and teaching basic religious principle. They all knew perfectly well that no one has authority from God to alter His basic plan for humanity.

It was not until the eighth century, and after the setting up of the first Papal State, that Papal theocracy began to raise its impious head. The Papal State served at first merely to make religion independent of any temporal ruler.

Later, Popes began to have a craving for temporal power, and were not content with spiritual independence. They wanted temporal rulers to hold their crowns under the Popes, and to give special recognition and prerogatives to Papal ecclesiastics, including recognition of the Papal theocracy as the only true one. The "Divine right of Kings"

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hoax was invented for the benefit of temporal rulers who would so submit.

In the name of moral law, more and more political power has been demanded by Popes, extending to almost every phase of the political, economic and social lives of the people. While conceding to the laity independence regarding "purely political matters," Popes claim absolute authority to determine just what is, and what is not, a purely political matter. They claim to be "authoritative" in holding that religion and government ought not to be entirely separate. They claim to be "authoritative" in advocating a corporate system of monopolies. They expect the laity to disregard the fact that it has always proven disastrous.

Because new-dealism somewhat resembles such disastrous corporate system, leading Catholic clergy have advocated new-dealism as being "essentially Catholic doctrine." Laity are expected to support the corporate system obsession of the Popes, notwithstanding the Catholic Encyclopaedia (Vol. XII, page 700) admits, with respect to the 16th century experiment with the system, that the "unhappy conditions" were contributed to by "the exercise of authority by ecclesiastics in civil spheres," and also admits that:

"In the Papal Curia political interests and a worldly life were often prominent."

The inherently disastrous corporate system of monopolies is a spurious plant, contrary to God's plan, and needing to be uprooted to carry out Scripture.

"Bvery plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up. (Matthew 15:13).

For more than five years, Pius XII has been a persistent advocate of newdealism, national and global, and Catholic press have frequently described such advocacy as "authoritative," rather than illegitimate. Catholic laity are accorded no space in the Catholic press to express their disagreement. As late as 1942, Pius XII's closest and most publicized confidant, Archbishop Spellman, published a book titled "The Road to Victory," declaring:

"Our President and our Holy Father have combined the forces of our great coun-

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try, and the forces of religion in a battle

This was an obvious bid for Catholic support of new-dealism, national and alobal.

There seems to be a double coincidence that both Pharisee theocracy and Papal theocracy are supporting newdealism, national and global, and that the old Pharisee method for usurping power has been used by both theocracies. Surely, this monstrous harmony does not partake of the divine.

PROTESTANT THEOCRACY

Protestant theocracy, which is a product of the so-called "Federal Council" section of Protestantism, ought to be called the Third Babylon, because it has also employed the old Pharisee method of usurping political power through reinterpretation of Scripture manifestly forced and removed from the original

It is enthusiastically supporting newdealism, national and global, and thereby paralleling or outdoing Papal theocracy in reinforcing or aiding Pharisee theocracy in the scuttling of the American Republic. The "Federal Council" section of Protestantism professes to represent 27/28ths of Protestantism, and enjoys that proportion of the free radio time allotted to Protestantism.

The "Federal Council" has declared (1933) that:

"The Christian conscience can be satisfied with nothing less than the complete substitution of motives of mutual helpfulness and goodwill for the motive of private gain."

Accordingly, it has been difficult since 1933 to classify the "Federal Council" as either American or Christian. Elimination of private gain motive is a first essential to communism.

There is, however, another section called "American Council" which loyally represents the real Protestant viewpoint and attitude. It is opposed to the unsound advocacies of the "Federal Council" section, but the "American Council" section is able to obtain only a small segment of the radio time allotted to Protestantism. The result is that most people are deceived into believing that the so-called Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America truly represents American Protestantism.

REMEDY

All real Americans of every race and creed should demand the extirpation, as regards our Republic, of Pharisee, Papal and Protestant theocracy. The evils of theocracies have never been better stated than in Scripture: "Through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you." (2 Peter 2:3).

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By Dr. Oliver E. Williams

A DREAM OF MANY YEARS became reality when we boarded the Pan American Clipper at Miami for San Juan, Puerto Rico... Saturday morning, January 25, 1947.

Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Mabel Sill. J. R. MacMurray and the writer comprised the party. We went on this special mission under the direction of the Defenders Missionary Department. The purpose was to help the missionaries on the Island and to teach in the Defenders Theological Seminary located at Rio Piedras . . . while engaging in evangelistic work among the more than 100 Defenders Churches and other cooperating bodies.

We met Dr. Winrod at St. Petersburg for final instructions just before leaving. He had recently returned from the dedication of the new Seminary building at Rio Piedras.

Leaving Miami

The next few paragraphs were written aboard the Clipper:

We are now leaving Miami at 10:30 A. M. aboard the big 54-passenger Pan American Clipper — a four-motored air ship, which looks like a great silver bird of majestic beauty. It is our first flight of any kind and an experience altogether new, and of course, most interesting.

Miami is receding as we head out over the water, facing almost directly south. Brother MacMurray is taking moving pictures of the receding land, the ocean and sky. These will be shown at our meetings when we return. We are facing into the sun, which is bright and

hot. Everything is beautiful from here and we are experiencing some "air pockets" as we pass through the clouds. Soon we will be above the clouds for this ship usually travels eight to nine thousand feet high. Now we are above all clouds and riding smoothly. The song we sometimes sing "I'm Going Higher Some Day," seems quite realistic now:

Often I've watched the clouds up in the sky, Always I've heard they were many miles high; Then, as they sailed out of sight far away: I said, I'm going far higher some day.

I'm going higher, yes, higher some day,
I'm going higher to stay,
Over the clouds, and beyond the blue sky;
Going where none ever sicken or die:
Loved ones to meet in the sweet by and by,
I'm going higher some day.

I learn that we are now flying about nine thousand feet high. Fleecy white clouds under us look like great snowdrifts. The far distant ones resemble the great snow-capped Rocky Mountains as we see them from Denver.

We are now out of sight of all clouds, nothing underneath but the blue ocean, which can hardly be seen. But at this moment we are beginning to observe something which looks like land. The

tiny island of San Salvador is not far east of our course, but the steward tells me what I am seeing is the Bahama Islands.

These islands seem, from this height to be broken into fragments like small, flat, brown bits of crockery. But hills are becoming apparent, with trees. The flat bits of land, surrounded by larger bodies of water, present a beautiful sight from here.

But in the space of a few minutes the islands have passed out of sight. Again we are over the deep blue ocean with nothing visible to the eye. The steward is passing in the aisle of the ship, leaving a fine dinner with each of us—steak, fried beans, sandwiches, French fried potatoes, ice cream and coffee. Everything is good and enjoyable. No one is sick or uncomfortable,

Brother MacMurray is entertaining the passengers and crew members with such melodies as the "Flight of the Bumble Bee" on his cornet. They seem to enjoy it immensely.

Other islands appear to be passing under us now, and the water is again bright blue with beautiful long airwaves. The riding is getting rough. Heavy dense clouds. Plane rises to about twelve thousand feet, but seemingly can not get above them. The big ship seems to drop straight down at times almost out from under us. The steward tells us to "fasten our seat belts," but hardly do so when we are through the dense, rolling clouds and the Silver Bird settles to smooth satiling again. This is good, because several passengers are showing a bit of sickness.

It is about 3:30 P. M. and we are coming again to land. This time the steward announces that it is Puerto Rico and to "buckle the seat belts for landing." The giant ship begins to drop from the high altitude and our ears feel the pressure as we come nearer the ground. The motors cease roaring. We seem to be dropping into the water, but it is the airport at San Juan. The Clipper stops in a downpour of rain, but rain-coats and umbrellas are provided.

Dr. J. F. Rodriguez and other members of the Defenders welcoming committee meet us with a genuine Christian greeting in the warm hearted Puerto Rican



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way. We are driven to the living quarters where we were to be "homed" while in the West Indies.

We enter into a conference at once with these Christian leaders, outlining the Missionary Crusade for days ahead.

Business For the King

We had been told of the importance of our mission and its significance to the cause of Spanish missionary work throughout the world. We feel deeply our responsibility and pray for divine guidance. We are reminded of the Gospel song, so rich in meaning, but often sung thoughtlessly, entitled: "I AM A STRANGER HERE," which runs:

I am a stranger here within a foreign land, My home is far away upon a distant strand, Ambassador to be of realms beyond the sea; I'm here on business for my King.

This is the message that I bring, A message angels feign would sing. O be ye reconciled, Thus sayeth my Lord and King, O be ye reconciled to God.

Days pass. Every day is full of duties from early morning until late at night. We preach and sing and teach under circumstances, and in places, that can be visualized only by those who have visited a foreign mission field.

Having now returned home, and looking back, we feel that the greatest work we did while in Puerto Rico was at the Seminary - in personal touch with the theological students and Ministers.

One enthusiastic native Preacher said our work in the class rooms was like the atomic bomb, providing new explosive power for those who are being trained to lead in evangelizing the vast Spanish-speaking areas of the world.

We thought of Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive POWER, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

The Greek word translated "power" in this passage is "dunamis" - and sounds very much like our English term "dynamite." If native Christian leaders on this wonderful mission field, detected and discerned the release of creative spiritual power, we are indeed glad.

A Truly Great School

The Seminary enjoys a new building. recently dedicated free from debt, at Rio Piedras. The purpose in its founding was to furnish trained Missionaries and Pastors, not only for Puerto Rico but all the Greater Antilles, Cuba, Jamaica, Hispaniola (Haiti and Dominican Republic), South America, Mexico - wherever the Spanish tongue is used.

The doors of the school swing open, not alone to theological students training to become Defender Ministers, but other denominations also, wishing to send students there. Several denominations are availing themselves of this opportunity. It is a great interdenominational educational center, a clearinghouse for all groups. It exists only to

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While we were there, all the classes were united for the forenoon work. We each had a one-hour period. Other classes were carried on however. The faculty felt that workers out over the field of evangelism would bring a freshness of experience and a new inspiration for those training for the ministry. Outsiders were therefore admitted to the class rooms during the days that we were there.

Mrs. Williams led them along the line of New Testament experience. Mr. Mac-Murray took up the different phases of Christian music. These two periods were sometimes united in the presentation of important musical programs, with the help of local teachers and students.

I usually had, in addition to the students, several Ministers of various denominations in my classes. So, natural ly, I took up the great doctrines of Christianity, evangelism in all-of its phases, spiritual healing and the management of Churches. I tried to make the work practical and helpful to those already in the pastorate, as well as others who would assume the responsibility of leading native congregations in the future.

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The history of modern missions probably enjoys no greater miracles of Grace than those recorded by the Defenders Movement in Puerto Rico. God is moving in ways that cannot be described with human language. One is made to think of the great revivals of the past when he visits this field.

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I met the Superintendents of four different denominations of the more spiritual type. They are all cooperating with the Defenders of the Christian Faith and the Seminary. These men reported to me an active and deeply spiritual program, organizing new Churches almost all the time.

While on evangelistic tours with my group, I met many of the Island's outstanding people of all professions, who are identified with the Defenders organization, thus bringing some of the best talent and people into the work. Dr. Rodriguez, who is affectionately called "the holy man of the Island," is backed by a strong force of men and women, those who have been saved by Grace and possess a consuming passion to make Christ known to their fellows.

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JESUS WASHES DISCIPLES'

John 13

GOLDEN TEXT: "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34.

L "HE LOVED THEM." Standing at the edge of His greatest earthly trial, our Lord manifested deep, unbounding love toward those with whom He had been associated. The record says: "He loved them."

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II. "YE ARE CLEAN." The evening of the first day of Passover Week had arrived. The little group was ready to partake of the evening meal. Jesus arose, removed His upper garment took a basin of water, a towel and proceeded to wash the disciples' feet. What a magnificent example of humility!

"Jesus saith, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all." The underlying imagery of this passage is a resident of the Near East returning home from the public baths.

On the way, his feet would contact the soil, be defiled and require cleansing. But having just had a bath, his body—except the feet, would be clean. So also, the believer is redeemed and cleansed "once for all." according to Hebrews 10:1-12, but needs daily confession to the Heavenly Father so that fellowship may remain unbroken.

III. "BUT NOT ALL." There were twelve disciples, but one was a traitor. Even as the feet of a man having just taken a bath were defiled while walking home . . . in like manner, one-twelfth of the membership of the disciples brought defilement into the group as a whole. Judas had made his deal with the Jews prior to the Passover.

Imagine Jesus washing Judas' feet! And, it is not too much to assume that He would also have washed Judas' heart had there been a gleam of light in the soul of the betrayer capable of igniting with the "Light of the world." The soul of Judas was wrapped in Satanic darkness.

Fleeing from the Passover table, the record says: "TT WAS NIGHT." Yes, night for Judas, the Jews, and the whole world. Cruel hands temporarily exfinguished the "Light of the world."

It is significant that our Lord identified Judas as the "Son of perdition"... and that Paul later described the Antichrist of the end-time as also being the "Son of perdition." This poses the question, "WILL JUDAS RETURN?" The Word says that after committing suicide, he went to "his own place."

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INTIMATE WORDS WITH DISCIPLES John 14:1-18, 15:1-6

GOLDEN TEXT: "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14.

I. "LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED." The last supper was over. Judas, the evil genius, had departed on his nefarious errand. The very air seemed charged with apprehension. The hour of separation was at hand.

The Master drew the faithful Eleven close, and in tender tones sought to allay their fears. All the love of His great heart went out to these. His companions of the past three years. The words spoken on that occasion have, with the passing of the centuries, brought blessing to uncounted millions of believing Christians.

Our Lord was concerned to get the minds of His friends off present, transitory difficulties . . . and focus attention upon the better, permanent, eternal values of the future. Thus, HOPE becomes operative, alleviating pain while broadening mental and spiritual horizons. Jesus would never hold out a vain hope or break a promise. He said:

"Let not your heart be troubled . . . In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you . . . I will come again, and receive you unto myself."

II. "I AM IN THE FATHER." The disciples did not have a clear picture of impending events. They only knew that their Lord was soon to leave them. He had spoken of heaven. They wanted to accompany Him.

Thomas introduced the key word of today's lesson into the discussion—the word "WAY." John quotes the questioner as follows: "Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?"

Jesus answered with one of His most important declarations. He had previ-

ously announced Himself as the resurrection and the life. He now describes Himself also as the WAY. "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

As guide, example and sacrifice, He is the WAY. As director in matters pertaining to things eternal, giving right direction in man's search for God. He is the TRUTH. As victor over death, and communicator of eternal life to penitent souls, He is the LIFE. He could truthfully say: "No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

"Lord, show us the Father," was the disciples' plea. Thereupon, Jesus reaffirmed the fact of His delty by stating in language unmistakably clear that, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

III. "GREATER WORKS THAN THESE." In an effort to dissolve the last remaining doubt as to His deity. Jesus called attention to the miracles the disciples had witnessed. Then He said even "greater works" would be done "because I go unto my Father." How could this be possible?

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JESUS' INTERCESSORY PRAYER

John 17:1-23

GOLDEN TEXT: "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are." John 17:11.

I. "GLORIFY THY SON." The prayer of Jesus in today's lesson, is the longest one of which we have record. It has been properly called THE LORD'S PRAYER. Nothing richer in spiritual meaning or more inspiring to the mind of man, can be found in the entire Word of God.

He prays first for Himself, then the Eleven . . . and finally for all believers everywhere, and throughout the duration of time. It is a high-priestly prayer and should be considered in connection with Romans 8:34 and Hebrews 4:14-16.

The first four sentences are devoted to Himself and the Father whom He addresses. "Glorify thy Son... I have glorified thee... I have finished the work." Then seven times in verses 2, 6, 9, 11, 12 and 24 He speaks of believers being given to Him of the Father. He is God's gift to the world. Believers are God's gift to Him. The believers' standing therefore depends upon the faithfulness of the Father to the Son.

II. "POWER OVER ALL FLESH."
Many men have dreamed of world conquest. Nimrod, Nebuchadnezzar, Xerxes,
Alexander, Caesar, Genghis Khan, Napoleon, Mussolini, Hitler, Roosevelt and
others... have tried by military might
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But One came who was different. He came out of obedience to Almighty God. His conquest was conducted by the compulsion of divine love, rather than force of arms. He came, not to enslave, but to liberate. Although men in positions of power, motivated by Satan, reject this Prince of Peace and yield them-

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selves to the doctrines of anti-Christ, yet HIS ULTIMATE TRIUMPH IS SURE.

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The real aggressor in the world today is the spirit of anti-Christ which breeds hatred for true believers. "The world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world."

III. "FOR THEM THOU HAST GIVEN ME." Let those who still profess some degree of faith in the Scriptures and at the same time try to pull Christ down to the human level, take note of His positive declaration of PRE-EXISTENCE with God: "Glorify me with the glory which I had with thee before the world was... They have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me."

Jesus prayed for those who had come "OUT OF THE WORLD." He asked that they might be preserved in unity. "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one." Then he expanded His prayer to include those who, at a later time during the Church age, would embrace His as Saviour. But He regarded only "the called out ones" as being His possessions. In other words, only born-again believers are children of God. Others are NOT!

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Lesson Number 4 March 30, 1947 JESUS LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE

John 18 and 19

GOLDEN TEXT: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish. but have everlasting life." 3:16.

I. RASCALS IN COURT. Annas, an old schemer, had been deposed by the Romans as high priest because he used the office as a cloak for political intrigue. His son-in-law, a figurehead for the hoary rascal, was given the position.

The Jews therefore broke both Roman and Jewish law when they took Jesus to the home of Annas for the first phase of His so-called trial. The record leaves no doubt as to what actually occurred: "The Jews took Jesus . . . and led him away to Annas first."

Annas also owned booths in the temple area where members of his family dealt in the sale of birds and animals for sacrificial purposes. Christ had interfered with this abominable business months earlier, when He upset the tables of the money changers and leveled a shaft at the old "pawn broker," by denouncing the whole outfit as a "den of thieves." Annas hated Jesus and regarded His arrest as an opportunity to retaliate.

If there was a single good and noble trait of character in Annas, the New Testament narrative gives no hint. He was definitely in the Judas class. But his ability to control the mob and maneuver things from behind the scenes, is indicated by the inhuman treatment to

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> II. PILATE'S JUDGMENT HALL. History is today repeating itself in Palestine where the Jews of the world have declared war upon Great Britain. Their conflict with the Romans, before the birth of Christ, parallels the present situation. The struggle ended in disaster for them. The terms of the capitulation provided. among other things, that they could not order on execution without the approval of the local Roman Governor. For this reason, the Master was brought before

> Annas and his gang would not enter the palace of the Roman on "religious" grounds. To cross the portals of Gentile premises would have defiled them. They preferred to demand the assassination of God's holy Son from the outside, through open windows!

> "Now Annas had sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest." There, our Lord was smitten in the mouth for answering questions which the Jews themselves propounded. The blow stung, but the Saviour kept His composure. "Then led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judgment."

> II. PILATE'S PREDICAMENT. Speaking presumably from the balcony, Pilate inquired of the Annas gang: "What accusation bring ye against this man?" They answered that He claimed to be the Son of God. This was a religious issue, not a criminal offense . . . and Pilate tried to brush the matter aside.

> Then the indictment was quickly changed FROM BLASPHEMY TO SEDI-TION. The Master was accused of opposing the Roman government. A blacker lie never fell from human lips. He answered the charge with the terse remark: "My kingdom is not of this world."

> Thereupon Pilate held an off-the-record conversation with the Christ and reached a decision that no crime had been committed. From that moment, he did everything in his power to save the Master. But the Annas gang shouted the louder: "He speaketh against Caesar . . . Crucify him! Crucify him!"

Pilate's final word was, "I FIND NO FAULT IN HIM." Adam Clarke remarks: "There never existed a more perfidious, cruel and murderous people

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This is the crux of the whole matter. The scandal belongs to sinful human beings, for "He was wounded for our transgression, he was bruised for our iniquities... all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid an him the iniquity of us all."

Lesson Number 5

RISEN LORD AND DISCIPLES

John 20:19-29, 21:15-17

GOLDEN TEXT: "Now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them that are asleep." I Corinthians 15:20.

I. "FEAR OF THE JEWS." Our Lord was nailed to the Cross at nine o'clock in the morning. Darkness covered the earth at noon. The cry from the top of Golgotha, "It is finished," came at three o'clock in the afternoon.

The torn body was taken down before sunset and laid to rest in the tomb of a rich man—a secret disciple by the name of Joseph of Arimathea. Nicodemus brought a hundred pounds of myrrh and aloes to be wrapped with a linen cloth around the lifeless form.

Every act of the preceding twentyfour hours was in fulfillment of prophecy. His death was appointed with the wicked... His burial with the rich. Even the mock trial was prophesied. After the resurrection, the Jews continued to persecute the followers of Christ, even as they had previously persecuted Him.

Dr. Adam Clarke says: "In still continuing to reject him, the Jews seem to have exceeded the ordinary bounds of incredulity and callousness of heart. One might imagine that a candid attention to the Gospel facts, collated with those passages in the Law and the

prophets which they acknowledge to speak of the Messiah, would be sufficient to furnish them with the utmost evidence and fullest conviction that He is the Christ. But where people once make a covenant with unbelief, argument, reason, demonstration and miracles themselves, fail to convince them. At present they have scarcely any correct knowledge of the true God; and while they continue to reject the genuine faith, they are capable of crediting the most degrading absurdities."

II. "WE HAVE SEEN THE LORD."
Priests went to Pilate, demanding a Roman guard and the imperial seal to make the tomb secure. They said: "Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead; so the last error shall be worse than the first."

The Jews were unwittingly creating double proof of the Resurrection. No army of soldiers could have prevented the events which transpired when "It began to dawn toward the first day of the week." The great earthquake, the angel



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The disciples were compelled to worship behind closed doors "for fear of the Jews." But the resurrection body of Christ could not be hindered by material obstructions. He appeared in their presence. The band of faithful followers were exultant. They shouted for Joy: "We have seen the Lord."

III. "FEED MY SHEEP." Certain disciples returned from a fishing trip. Down found Jesus standing on the shore. He told them to let the net down on the right side. It came up laden with one hundred and fifty-three fish. Not until then did they recognize the risen Lord. Peter jumped overboard and swam ashore. The others followed, dragging the net and fish.

Breakfast was smouldering on the coals. A dialogue of great importance ensued.

It will be recalled that Peter had denied his Lord three times during the mock trial. He later wept bitterly... and repented sincerely. As if to forever repair the damage thus done, Jesus asked the blustering disciple the same question three times. "Lovest thou me? Lovest thou me?"

Peter understood and was deeply hurt. He answered in the affirmative each time. Then Christ emphasized the importance of serving Him and His cause in the world. "Feed my sheep," He said.

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